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MANDRAX

REF: A. LONDON 15053 B. PARIS 5130

1. M. FRANCKFORT, FRENCH PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR PHARMACEUTICAL CONTROLS, HAS INFORMED SCIATT THAT METHAQUALONE AND MANDRAX HAVE BEEN ADDED TO FRENCH CONTROLLED-SUBSTANCE LIST. (THESE DRUGS WERE REPORTED REF A PARA 2 AS FRANCE'S MOST RAPIDLY INCREASING DRUG PROBLEM, AND THEY ARE FURTHER DISCUSSED IN GIRARD-WELLMAN-GOSNELL MEMCON OF 19 DECEMBER 1973, OF WHICH COPIES PROVIDED S/NM AND DEA.)

2. SPECIFICALLY, MANDRAX AND METHAQUALONE NOW LISTED, ALONG WITH MORPHINE UNDER MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH TABLEAUX DES SUBSTANCES VENEUSES, SECTION II, TABLEAU B (JOURNAL OFFICIEL DE LA REPUBLIQUE FRANCAISE, 18 MAY UNCLASSIFIED

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1974, P. 5390). THUS THESE DRUGS OBTAINABLE IN FRANCE

ONLY VIA SPECIAL-REGISTRY, CONTROLLED-FORM PRESCRIPTIONS
FOR LIMITED PERIOD OF TREATMENT. BOTH PATIENT AND
ADMINISTERING PHYSICIAN ARE REGISTERED. BECAUSE OF
THERAPEUTIC APPLICATIONS OF THESE DRUGS, FRANCKFORT
INDICATED MAXIMUM TREATMENT PERIOD IS SIXTY
DAYS (FOR MORPHINE IT IS ONE WEEK).

3. NOTING THAT METHAQUALONE IS CURRENTLY WIDELY USED
IN FRENCH MEDICAL PRACTICE WHEREAS MORPHINE IS
NOT, FRANCKFORT EXPRESSED CAUTIOUS, WAIT-AND-SEE ATTITUDE ON THESE STRICT CONTROL.

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